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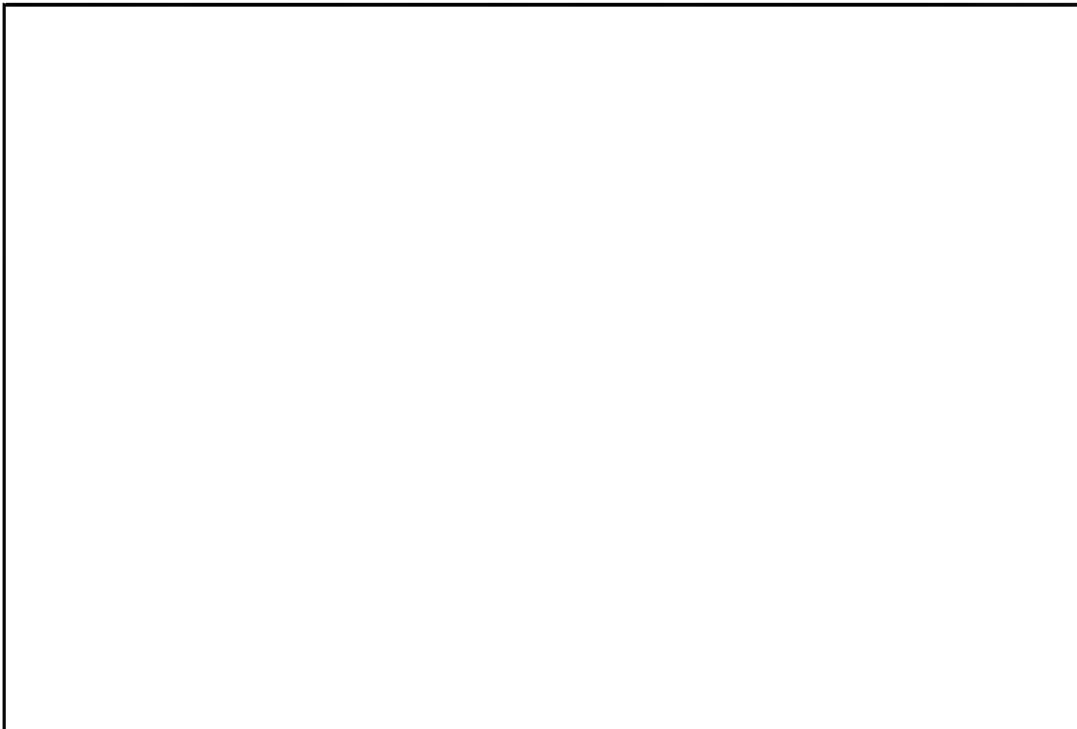
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**2. GREECE MAY PROTEST SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S
INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC POLITICS**

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The activities of Soviet ambassador Sergeyev during his extended tour of northern Greece greatly disturb the Athens government. According to the American embassy in Athens, these activities amount to an "active and flagrant interference in domestic affairs by public electioneering for leftist candidates."

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Comment

Sergeyev's purpose is to exploit Greek bitterness over the Cyprus issue and encourage the election of a government which would be neutral in East-West relations.

Rumors have been circulating in Greece that the USSR, in advance of the elections scheduled for February, might announce support for Greek claims to northern Epirus--now a part of Albania.

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**3. JORDAN'S KING SAYS HE MAY HAVE TO ACCEPT ARAB
SUBSIDY**

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[redacted] Jordan's King Hussain has told the American embassy that public opinion may force him into a position where he would have to accept an

Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi Arabian offer to replace the British subsidy Jordan now receives. Hussain said he has information that the three countries might get the money for the subsidy from Moscow.

Comment

Pressure on the king to accept an Egyptian-Syrian-Saudi offer probably is strong, but such a step would place Jordan's Hashemite monarchy at the mercy of its traditional enemy, the house of Saud.

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BIWEEKLY SUMMARY
15-28 December 1955

THE TAIWAN STRAIT

Report of the IAC Current Intelligence Group
for the Taiwan Strait Problem

1. Chinese Communist jet fighters since 23 December have made a number of patrol sweeps to the immediate area of the Matsus. Ground force activity has been limited to artillery exchanges in the Quemoy area. Most of the Communist fire during the period appeared to be in retaliation for Nationalist shelling. [redacted]

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2. There has been an increase in the tempo of operations by the Chinese Communist navy in the Matsu area. According to reports of the past week, there was an increase in the movement of lightly armed Chinese Communist patrol craft and small coasters near the Peiling Peninsula, north of Matsu, and there are unconfirmed reports of torpedo boats in the area. [redacted]

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3. The Chinese Nationalists have grown uneasy as a result of the increased Communist air and naval activity in the Matsu area. Nationalist press dispatches insist a Matsu attack may be forthcoming. [redacted]

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4. The Nationalists believe the Communists may soon increase artillery fire in an effort to slowly strangle the Quemoy. The Nationalist chief of staff has said he will order stepped-up artillery attacks and perhaps launch air strikes against Communist artillery in the area if Communist shelling increases. [redacted]

5. Although Chinese Communist propaganda gives no indication of imminent hostile action, it continues to accuse the United States of building a large military potential on Taiwan and threatening

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aggression in the Taiwan Strait area. Using the instance of Army Secretary Brucker's visit to Taiwan this month, Peiping on 19 December denounced what it called "war preparations" designed to "perpetuate America's occupation of Taiwan."

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